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MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY SURVEY

The General Education Board of New York has made a grant of \$7,500 for a library survey in Mississippi. The survey is sponsored jointly by the University of Mississippi, the State Department of Education and the Mississippi State Library Commission. The sponsors will make contributions matching the G.E.B. grant. These agencies, concerned with better libraries as a part of the improved educational program of the state, will expect the survey to reveal the library resources available and to map out plans for providing good libraries for those areas and groups with inadequate or no library service at present. The survey will include much of the material gathered in the recent Southeastern Library Survey, with emphasis on the social-economic background of the state and recommendations for providing good library service through the various agencies—University and college, school, public and county, and special libraries.

In a recent meeting at the Library Commission, survey objectives and methods were discussed by the following members of the sponsoring group: Dr. J. D. Williams, Chancellor, Dr. Peter Kyle McCarter, Dean and Mr. Sykes Hartin, Director of Libraries, from the University of Mississippi; Mr. J. M. Tubb, State Superintendent of Education, Miss Manie Berry, School Library Supervisor; Mrs. Eunice Eley, Executive Secretary, Mississippi State Library Commission. Survey sponsors will expect to have the interest and help of various educational, social and governmental agencies in determining the library pattern of the future.

The sponsors feel that they are fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Gretchen Knief Schenk as survey director. Mrs. Schenk, who now lives in south Alabama, has had broad and varied experience in library work in various parts of the country, serving at one time as head of the Library Commission in Washington state. She has recently assisted in a library survey in New York state. She edits the Library Extension section of the Wilson Library Bulletin and is engaged in writing a county library manual for the American Library Association. Since coming to the south, Mrs. Schenk has visited many libraries in Louisiana and Alabama and has spoken on the state library association program of Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. She was consultant for the Mississippi Library Commission summer workshop for public librarians in 1948.

Since beginning the Mississippi survey, Mrs. Schenk has visited some of the college and public libraries, making several trips on the Library Commission bookmobile. She will later visit other libraries and interview various library trustees and others who may contribute to library planning for the state. Mr. Sanders Smith of Greenwood has been employed to assist Mrs. Schenk for a three-month period beginning in June. Mr. Smith was librarian at the Greenwood Public Library for a number of years. After serving in the armed forces he entered The University of Chicago Library School and will receive his master's degree in June. His master's thesis involves a study of the reading pattern of residents of part of the country around Greenwood, Mississippi.

Fact-gathering will be only a part of the survey and the idea of the sponsors is that a good part of the report will cover recommendations for correcting library deficiencies in the state. The plan is to have at least a preliminary report of survey findings ready before the next meeting of the state legislature in January, 1950.

The survey will cover two phases of work: fact-finding and implementation. The success of both phases will depend, to a large extent, on the response from those who are asked to help. Librarians, members of library boards of trustees and interested citizens are urged to respond promptly if called on to answer questionnaires, attend meetings or help in other ways. There will be opportunity for all to have a part in the survey planning. Carrying out the plans will require understanding and willingness to interpret the plans to those back home. Each librarian and trustee will have a responsibility for making the survey a real value to the cause of better libraries in Mississippi. The program of the next meeting of the Mississippi Library Association will be largely concerned with the survey. It will be discussed and members given a chance to ask questions and make suggestions. This will be a fine opportunity to find out the direction the survey is taking and to have a part in its progress.

Library Survey Consultants Meet

The following consultants were invited to attend a library survey meeting at The Library Commission April 22, 1949.

Dr. Robert B. Highsaw, Director, Bureau of Public Administration,
University of Mississippi

Dr. Harold F. Kaufman, Professor of Rural Sociology, Mississippi
State College

Mr. Sykes Hartin, Director of Libraries, University of Mississippi
Miss Manie Berry, School Library Supervisor, State Department of
Education

Mrs. Zelma Price, Member, Mississippi State Legislature, Washing-
ton County

Dr. Thelma Eaton, Director, Library School, Mississippi State College
for Women

Mr. Forrest L. Mills, Librarian, Extension Division, Mississippi State
College

Miss Anna Roberts, Librarian, and Mrs. Duncan, Mississippi South-
ern College

Miss Polly Ann Bignell, Instructor in Library Science, University of
Mississippi

Mr. Elliott Tremble, Natchez Democrat, Natchez, Mississippi

Miss Elizabeth Wise, State Chairman, Citizens Library Movement,
Hazlehurst, Miss.

Mrs. Augusta Richardson, Corinth, President, and members of the
Mississippi Library Association Planning Committee:

Miss Anona Jenkins, Librarian, Clarksdale Public Library

Miss Maria Person, Librarian, Gulfport Public Library

Mrs. Eunice Eley, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Library Commission

Mr. Donald Thompson, Librarian, Mississippi State College

Miss Elizabeth Brown, Library Trustee, Meridian Public Library

Dr. W. D. McCain, Director, Department of Archives and History

Miss Lucile Miller, Librarian, West Point Public Library

Mrs. Martha Lang, Librarian, Central High School, Jackson, Miss.

Miss Mary U. Rothrock, Library Specialist, with the Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville, Tennessee had accepted an invitation to the meeting but found, at the last minute, that she would not be able to attend. She has agreed to meet the Survey Committee at a later date.

The meeting was characterized by spontaneous response from those present and it seemed to be the unanimous opinion that the library survey is a very fortunate incident in the progress of library development in the state.

Responsibility for various phases of the survey will be assumed by different consultants and groups. The research departments at State College and the University will contribute to studies in the field of governmental, social and economic background of the state. Dr. Thelma Eaton is chairman of the group representing library training agencies and recruiting. Mrs. Zelma Price has agreed to study present library legislation and make recommendations for necessary changes in library laws.

After the necessary information is gathered it is the purpose of the Survey Committee to present the facts to representatives of civic and educational agencies for their suggestions and help.

Survey to Include Service for Negroes

April 26 Mrs. Schenk met with representatives of several negro school libraries to discuss the problem of surveying library facilities available to negroes and probable plans for improved service. The discussion of training for negro librarians revealed that Tougaloo College is the only school in the state offering any training and that this is only on a very limited basis. Mr. John Long, President of Southern Christian Institute at Edwards, and his wife were present. Mr. Long expressed interest that service to negroes would be included in the survey.

LETTER TO LIBRARY TRUSTEES

In an effort to reach members of public library boards of trustees, the Mississippi Library Commission sent a letter and questionnaire to every member of every public and county library board, as far as it was possible to obtain names and addresses. If all members did not receive a letter it was because the library has not furnished the Library Commission with a list of board members.

The Library Commission is anxious to keep an up to date list of library board members and urges librarians to send in notice of changes in board

membership. It is the desire of the Library Commission to keep in close touch with library boards and to help wherever possible. Library News, which is issued twice a year, will be sent to all board members who request that their names be put on the mailing list. The questionnaire will be sent to members who want it and may not have received it.

The letter and Questionnaire were sent to 212 library board members in 44 counties. Replies were received from 41 members in 25 counties. As this is the Commission's first general letter to all library board members, the response is considered good. However, it is hoped that it will be better in the future. The number of replies received from each county follows the county name. Adams-1; Alcorn-1; Attala-1; Copiah-1; Coahoma-1; DeSoto-1; Forrest (Hattiesburg Public)-2; Harrison-1; Holmes-1; Jackson (Pascagoula City)-4; Jones (Laurel Circulating)-1; Lafayette-4; Lamar-1; Lauderdale-1; Lee-2; Lincoln-2; Leflore-1; Lowndes-4; Madison-1; Monroe (Evans Memorial)-1; Neshoba-1; Pike-2; Scott-3; Sunflower-1; Tallahatchie-2.

(The following is the letter and questionnaire with summary of replies:)

TO: MEMBERS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

- I. **THIS IS OUR FIRST LETTER** to many of you. We think it will be mutually profitable to know each other better. The **LIBRARY COMMISSION**, as the state agency with responsibility for directing public library development would like to do its work in the best possible way. We believe that we can do this only by working, thinking and planning with you. What do you think is the best way for us to work together? May we suggest?

For Us To Do:

1. Put the name of all library board members on our mailing list for "Library News" and other printed publications. We have formerly sent these to librarians, and sometimes to the chairman of the library board.
2. Send out more information such as how to organize libraries, standards for libraries, the use of the bookmobile and just when a library is ready to purchase one, etc.
3. Issue a Library Trustee's Bulletin or include such a section in "Library News."
4. Hold meetings in several sections of the state where library trustees may come together for a few hours to exchange ideas and learn more about happenings in the library world.

For You To Do:

1. Read all bulletins received from the Library Commission. Discuss pertinent facts at your board meetings.
2. Invite a member of the Library Commission staff to meet with you—at least one meeting during the year, more often if necessary.

3. Call on the Library Commission if you want help in securing more funds, making a budget, remodeling or building, interpreting library laws, finding a librarian, organizing the library board, planning board meetings, understanding the Library Commission plan for the use of state funds, or if you just want to ask why we do certain things or why we don't do certain other things.

4. Send your librarian to the Summer Workshop.

5. Fill in the information and return the questionnaire at the bottom of this sheet.

II. FOR BETTER LIBRARIES—BETTER LEADERSHIP

We all recognize the importance of education and training for those who are working in any phase of an educational program (public libraries). One method is Training-On-The-Job. Last summer the Library Commission held a three-day Workshop for public librarians. We believe all those who attended gained a good deal of information, new ideas, and inspiration. We think it was a good investment for those library boards that sent their librarian and paid expenses. We are planning another Workshop this summer and hope you will find it possible to send your librarian. Last year we estimated that the entire expense of the trip would not be over \$18.00 above transportation. Why not set aside an amount for this purpose in your annual budget?

III. CUT HERE and return to: Mississippi Library Commission, 535 College Street, Jackson.

1. Do you want to remain on our mailing list? Yes 41 No 0

2. Would you like to have a copy of the Library Commission plan for use of funds appropriated for "Library Extension" by the last legislature? Yes 40 No 1

3. Would you like to have a copy of all Mississippi laws concerning libraries? Yes 37 No 4

4. Would you attend a meeting of Library Board members held in your county or in a near-by area? Yes 41 No 0 If so do you prefer daytime? 21, evening? 9, either? 11

5. What is your regular library board meeting time? 21 answered; 20 failed to answer

6. Are you interested in the LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL now before Congress? 28. Will you write your Senator and Congressman for a copy of the bill and ask him to support it? 23

7. Write comments and suggestions on back of this slip. 4 wrote comments as follows:

One reply commended the Library Commission on this contact with board members; one asked about bookmobile service; one expressed favor

of the group meetings of library trustees; one said "the summer workshop for librarians is a good idea."

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATION GOVERNING PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Library Commission receives a good many requests for copies of state laws that govern the establishment and support of public libraries. The laws are copied here in order that they may be studied for possible weaknesses and need of revision by the next state legislature and also that county and public libraries may find them useful in their next approach to the County and City governing Boards.

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION—Chapter 180, Laws of 1926.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That there is hereby created a commission to be known as the "State Library Commission" to be composed of five persons, resident citizens of this state, two of whom shall be appointed by the governor and three of whom shall be members ex-officio as follows: The state librarian, the president of the state federation of women's clubs and the president of the state library association.

Section 2. The members appointed by the governor shall be appointed for a term of five years from the first day of June, 1926, and all subsequent appointments shall be for terms of five years, except appointments to fill vacancies which shall be made by the governor for the unexpired terms. The members shall serve without pay, but shall be allowed actual expenses when attending meetings of the commission. Such commission shall elect annually a chairman from among its members.

Section 3. The commission shall elect annually a secretary who shall be chosen outside the membership of the commission and only persons experienced in modern methods of library work shall be elected as secretary. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the commission; and accurate accounts of its financial transactions; shall have charge of its work in organizing new libraries, and have all general administrative duties incident to carrying on the work of the commission. The secretary shall be paid a salary and allowed actual traveling expenses while absent from his office in the service of the commission, the same to be certified and paid in the same manner as other expenses incurred by the commission. In addition to the secretary, the commission may employ such other persons as it may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this act. Persons of either sex may serve as secretary.

Section 4. The commission, when asked, shall give advice to all schools, free, and other public libraries, and to all communities which may propose to establish them, as to the best means of establishing and maintaining such libraries, the selection of books, cataloging, and other details of library management. It may also purchase and operate traveling libraries, and circulate such traveling libraries within the state among communities, libraries, schools, colleges, universities, library associations, study clubs,

charitable and penal institutions free of cost, except for transportation, under such rules for the safekeeping, preservation, care, handling and management of the same as may be fixed by said commission. It may publish such lists and circulars of information as it shall deem necessary, and it may also conduct a summer school of library instruction and a clearing house for periodicals for free gifts to local libraries. The commission shall each year obtain from all libraries in the state reports showing the condition, growth, development and manner of conducting such libraries together with such other facts and statistics regarding the same as may be deemed of public interest by the commission, and shall make a biennial report to the Legislature of the facts of public interest and value in relation to its work.

Section 5. The commission may from time to time as needed draw an order signed by the secretary and the chairman in favor of any party to who money is due stating in such order what the money is to be used for, and, upon presentation of such order the state auditor shall draw his warrant upon the state treasurer for the amount therefor not to exceed the amount of the appropriation for the purposes of the commission.

Section 6. The commission may accept in the name of the state gifts of money, real estate, books, periodicals, or other property for the purpose of promoting the work of the commission.

(The 1940 legislation passed an amendment to Section 4. This amendment increases the authority of the Library Commission to receive and administer funds from any source for establishing and improving library service in the state. The phrase is inserted after the words "charitable and penal institutions free of cost, except for transportation." It is now Section 6213, Code of 1942 — The Amendment — "and to establish county and regional libraries and to use any funds, separate and apart from the general library commission fund, which might come into its custody from any source, for such purpose, and for the purpose of establishing, stimulating, increasing, improving and equalizing library service in the various counties within the state"—)

Chapter 289 (1938)

SENATE BILL NO. 166

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES; TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHMENTS, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION; TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That it is hereby declared to be the policy of this state to allow and promote the establishment and development of free public library service throughout this state as a part of its provision for public education.

SECTION 2. The board of supervisors of any county in the state of Mississippi, or other governing bodies of the counties of this state, and

municipalities and towns, through their governing bodies, may establish and maintain or aid in establishing and maintaining free public libraries for the use of the citizens of the respective counties, municipalities or towns, either separately or in connection with free public libraries already established therein. For said purpose governing body may acquire the necessary real estate by purchase, gift or donation and may erect the necessary buildings thereon.

SECTION 3. FUNDS FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION. Where any library is established under this act, either by the county board of supervisors or the governing body of a municipality, the cost of purchasing land, erecting buildings, and equipping and maintaining such library may be paid for in whole or in part out of the general funds of the county or municipality, if, in the opinion of the governing authority, said funds are adequate for that purpose.

SECTION 4. REGIONAL LIBRARIES. Two or more counties by action of their boards of supervisors may join in establishing and maintaining a regional library under the terms of a contract to which all of said counties agree. The expenses of the regional library shall be apportioned between or among the counties concerned on such basis as shall be agreed upon in the contract. The library building shall be located at a place in one of the counties to be agreed upon by the boards of supervisors of the various counties in said regional library district.

SECTION 5. PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL OR COUNTY LIBRARIES BY EXISTING LIBRARIES. When a county or regional library shall have been established under this act, any municipality which is aiding in maintaining or supporting a public library may participate in said county or regional library. Said participation shall be on such terms as may be agreed upon among the governing body of the municipality, the board of trustees of the existing municipal library and the board of trustees of the county or regional library.

SECTION 6. CONTRACT SERVICE. The governing board of any municipality which is not aiding in maintaining or supporting an existing library may contract with the board of trustees of any existing county, regional or other public library to receive the services of said established library. Said contract shall contain such terms, agreements and conditions as may be agreed upon between the governing board of the municipality and the board of trustees of the established library.

The board of supervisors of a county in the state which has no county library and which is not in a regional library district may, with the consent of the board of trustees of an established library, contract for library services from an established library; provided, that such library be subject to inspection by the secretary of the state library commission and be certified by him as maintaining a proper standard. Said contract shall contain such terms, agreements and conditions as may be agreed upon between the board of supervisors and the board of trustees of the library. Any school district

may contract for school library service for any existing library, such service to be paid from funds available to the school district.

SECTION 7. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. The management and control of a county, municipal, or regional library shall be vested in a board of five (5) trustees. In county and municipal libraries they shall be appointed by the governing authority of the county or municipality. In regional libraries they shall be appointed by the joint action of all of the county boards of supervisors in said district. The first appointments shall be for terms of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years, respectively, and thereafter, a trustee shall be appointed annually to serve five (5) years. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms as soon as possible in the same manner in which members of the board were regularly chosen. No trustee shall receive a salary or other compensation for his services.

SECTION 8. BOARD OF TRUSTEES — ORGANIZATION, POWERS AND DUTIES. The trustees, immediately after their appointment or election, shall meet and organize by the election of such officers as they deem necessary. They shall (1) adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance and for the government of the library as they deem expedient; (2) have the supervision, care, and custody of all property of the library, including the rooms or buildings constructed, leased or set apart, therefor; (3) employ a librarian, and upon his recommendation employ such other assistants as may be necessary, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation and remove them for a cause; (4) submit annually to the governing body a budget containing estimates for the ensuing year; (5) have exclusive control of the finances of the library; (6) accept such gifts of money or property for library purposes as they deem expedient; (7) on recommendation of librarian purchase books, periodicals, maps, and supplies for the library; (8) and do all other acts necessary for the orderly and efficient management and control of the library. Provided however, that no expenditure made or contracted by said trustees shall be binding on any county or municipality so as to require any payment in excess of funds made available for library purposes under this act.

SECTION 9. ANNUAL REPORTS. At the close of each year the board of trustees of every library shall make a report to the governing body in the county or municipality wherein the board serves, showing the condition of their trust during the year, the sums of money received for the library fund from taxes and other sources, the sums of money expended and the purposes of the expenditures, the number of books and periodicals on hand, the number added during the year, the number withdrawn, the number loaned out, and such other statistics and information and such suggestions as they deem of public interest. A copy of this report shall be filed in the state library commission.

SECTION 10. FREE USE OF LIBRARIES. Every library established or maintained under this act shall be free for the use of the residents of the territory included within the library district, subject to such reasonable rules

and regulations as the trustees find necessary. Provided, however, that the trustees may charge a reasonable fee for the use of certain copies of popular fiction and non-fiction.

SECTION 11. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed except that this act shall not be construed to abrogate the force of charter provisions or any local act governing existing public libraries. And provided further that this act shall not be construed to repeal Section 290 (J), Code of 1930, as amended but shall be construed as additional and supplementary thereto.

SECTION 12. That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 25, 1938.

Chapter 213 (1944)

SENATE BILL NO. 195

AN ACT AUTHORIZING ANY MUNICIPALITY WHICH SUPPORTS A PUBLIC LIBRARY TO MAKE A ONE MILL LEVY FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES, AND PROVIDING THAT THE SAME SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY LIMITATION HERETOFORE PLACED ON MUNICIPALITIES.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That any municipality which supports a public library may, by order of the governing authorities of such municipality, in their discretion, levy a one mill tax on all taxable property within the municipality to be used for the support, upkeep and maintenance of any public library located in said municipality.

SECTION 2. That the one mill levy herein authorized to be levied by the municipality shall be in addition to the maximum levy heretofore authorized to be levied by municipalities.

SECTION 3. That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Chapter 203 (1946)

HOUSE BILL NO. 310

AN ACT AUTHORIZING ANY COUNTY WHICH PROPOSES TO SUPPORT OR SUPPORTS A PUBLIC LIBRARY TO MAKE NOT IN EXCESS OF A ONE-HALF MILL LEVY FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES, AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH LEVY SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY LIMITATION HERETOFORE PLACED ON COUNTY LEVIES.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That any county which proposes to support or supports a public library may, by order of the Board of Supervisors of such county, in their discretion, levy not in excess of one-half mill tax on all

taxable property within the county to be used for the support, upkeep and maintenance of any public library proposed to be supported or supported by said county and located therein, which levy shall be in addition to the maximum levy heretofore authorized to be levied by counties; provided, however, that those counties imposing such levy shall not receive homestead exemption reimbursement for same.

SECTION 2. That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Before the passage of Senate Bill 166, above, public libraries were legally supported under Section 2998-J, Chapter 204, Laws of 1926. This law limited the appropriation which a city or county could make for library support to \$300 per annum, except that counties having an assessed valuation of \$18,000,000 could appropriate up to \$3000.

The above Section 2998-J, because it has not been repealed, has been a continuous source of trouble, as some County and City Boards have considered it still in effect. At the last session of the state legislature a bill was introduced which would have repealed this old law. The bill was referred to the House County Affairs Committee but did not reach the floor, not because of opposition but because of the press of other legislation.

The following opinions from the office of the Attorney General serve to give sufficient authority for County and City Boards to appropriate from their general funds, without limitation, to the support of public libraries (Senate Bill 166) and to levy a special tax for libraries (Senate Bill 195, House Bill 310):

"DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Jackson, Mississippi

October 4, 1945

Mrs. Eunice Eley
Executive Secretary
Mississippi State Library Commission
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Eley:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 4, 1945, asking if Section 2998 (j) of the Mississippi Code of 1942 limits the amount that may be appropriated by the proper boards for library support, or does Section 6209 of said Code allow such boards to make additional appropriations in their discretion.

Section 6209 of the Mississippi Code of 1942 expressly provides that it shall be construed as additional and supplementary to Section 2998 (j) of said Code, and under Section 6201 the amount of funds that may be appropriated in accordance with the provisions of said act is in the discretion of

the governing authority of the county or municipality and, therefore, they are not limited to the sum of \$300.00.

(Signed) W. B. FONTAINE
Assistant Attorney General"

"April 18, 1947

Mrs. Eunice Eley
Executive Secretary
Mississippi State Library Commission
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Eley:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 14, 1947, asking if counties may make appropriation from the general fund, which would be in addition to the amount raised for library purposes by the one-half mill levy authorized by Chapter 203 of the Laws of 1946.

This is to advise you that by virtue of the provisions of Section 6204 et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1942, boards of supervisors may, in their discretion, appropriate funds from the general county fund to maintain county libraries in addition to the amount raised by the one-half mill levy authorized by Chapter 203 of the Laws of 1946.

(Signed) W. B. FONTAINE
Assistant Attorney General"

"December 18, 1949

Mrs. Eunice Eley
Executive Secretary
State Library Commission

Dear Mrs. Eley:

This is in reply to your letter of December 17, in which you ask for an opinion as to whether or not the governing authorities of cities and counties are limited in appropriations of libraries to the amount set forth in Section 2998 (j), Code of 1942, and also for an opinion as to whether or not a city or a county has the authority to issue bonds for the purpose of building a public library.

Section 2998 (j) provides for limitations on the amount which a county or municipality may appropriate for the support and maintenance of a public library. The limitation is \$300.00 per annum except in counties having an assessed valuation of more than \$18,000,000, in which case the limitation is \$3,000. The section in question was enacted as Chapter 204, Laws of 1926.

However, in 1938, by Chapter 289, Laws of 1938, the Legislature passed an act authorizing municipalities and counties to contribute to the establishment and maintenance of free public libraries without limitation on the amount which might be appropriated. This act is now found in Sections

6200 to 6209, Code of 1942. Section 6209 specifically provides that the act in question is additional and supplemental to Section 2998 (j) Code of 1942.

As Chapter 289, Laws of 1938, was the latest legislative expression on the subject and contains no limitation on the amount which might be appropriated, it is my opinion that under said act counties and municipalities are not limited to the amounts set forth in Section 2998 (j) for appropriations for the establishment, maintenance and support of public libraries. It is further my opinion that amounts may be appropriated under Chapter 289, Laws of 1938, without any limitation thereon.

In answer to your second inquiry, this is to advise that our statutes do not authorize a city or county to issue bonds for the purpose of establishing and constructing a public library. Therefore, there is no authority for such bonds to be issued.

(Signed) JAMES T. KENDALL
Assistant Attorney General"

An amendment to Chapter 203, House Bill 310, was introduced in the last session of the legislature to authorize counties to levy a one mill instead of one-half mill tax for library support. This amendment failed to reach the floor.

A study of existing legislation reveals the need for some changes if Mississippi is to provide good libraries for all the people. There are few cities in the state whose one mill tax would be sufficient to support a city library or to add appreciably to the support of a city-county library system. The half mill county tax levy on the property valuation of about three-fourths of the counties would not be sufficient to support a good county library system. While some cities and counties could support good libraries, this leaves the majority of counties without a chance for an efficient library system. Several solutions are possible—The tax levy may be increased allowing counties to give additional support; several counties may pool their resources in a regional library; more state and federal aid to match local effort. Some or all of the above changes may be necessary. The Mississippi Library Survey may be able to make recommendations and point the way to solutions.

READING PROJECT FOR HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS

In an effort to cooperate with the State Extension Department in stimulating and directing reading among Home Demonstration Clubs, the Library Commission is supplying books for a Reading Project and working with the state, district and County Agents in carrying out the project. The secretary of the Library Commission, in conference with Miss May Cresswell, State Home Demonstration Agent, worked out contest plans. Five counties, one in each Home Demonstration district, were chosen for the Project. It was thought best to try the Project in limited areas to determine its success and later it might be tried on a larger, perhaps a state-wide basis. The contest period is March 1 - June 30, 1949.

The reading program is being carried on in each of the five counties by the Home Agent and the County Librarian, if there is one. The five District Agents are also lending encouragement and help wherever possible.

The climax will come when awards and certificates are given during Farm and Home Week at State College, August 1-4. At this time the Library Commission will have the new bookmobile on the campus and an exhibit of books and pamphlets suitable for farm and home people.

The following are the Project rules:

Reading Certificate

A certificate will be issued to each Home Demonstration Club member who reads four books during this period.

Honor Roll

A club will be put on the Honor Roll if 85 percent of its members read at least 4 books, chosen from at least 3 different classes on the list sent by the Library Commission.

(A reading list is made up of books under eleven different subject headings, or "classes")

Awards

The club submitting the largest total number of books read by its members will receive an award of two books. In case of a tie, duplicate awards will be given.

Written Report

A book will be given to the individual club member who submits the best written report of not more than one hundred words on the subject: What This Reading Contest Has Meant to Me.

The following are the selected counties, with the Home Agents and County Librarians:

County	County Seat	Home Agent	Librarian
Copiah	Hazlehurst	Miss Genevieve Newsom	Mrs. Evelyn Reed, (Acting)
Grenada	Grenada	Mrs. Velma Neely	Miss Elizabeth Jones
Leake	Carthage	Miss Willena Ratliff
Perry	New Augusta	Miss Lena P. Phillips
Pontotoc	Pontotoc	Miss Emma M. Breland	Miss Ludie Wood

Demonstration Club members are hard at work on the reading project each, seemingly, determined to win the most honors. In selecting this period we realized that this is the busy farm season and that club members would not have too much time for reading but, in spite of farm work and house-keeping they are finding some time to read, as evidenced by the reports coming from these counties.

In **Grenada County** the librarian writes that she and the home agent have had a radio broadcast about the reading project. All clubs are getting books from the **Grenada County Library**. As the **Library Commission Bookmobile** makes its rounds to public libraries, books for the reading project have been taken to libraries in **Copiah, Grenada and Pontotoc Counties**. Since there is no county library in **Leake and Perry Counties**, these clubs are getting books directly from the **Library Commission**.

Leake County is certainly on the job. Club members must be keeping house with one hand and reading with the other. The home agent writes, "We certainly appreciate the prompt service from your department. Mrs. Sanders got her box of books from you in time to read the book on home decoration before the club meeting and one of her neighbors read *Party Line*. Four women here have already read *I Love My Doctor*." Some other books as reported popular in this county are: *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living*; *Eisenhower Was My Boss*; *Your Child's Religion*; *Keys of the Kingdom*; *Natchez*; *The Bishop's Mantle*.

The **Copiah County Library** has bought copies of all books on the list that they did not have and the librarian and home agent have had several conferences and books are circulated to club members through the central library and its eight county stations and from the agent's office. The Home Agent has placed a big poster in her office regarding the project and books available.

The **Library Commission bookmobile** has recently visited **Perry and Leake Counties** on a special trip in interest of the Reading Project. The day in **New Augusta** was stormy and prevented many of the club women from coming in to see the bookmobile and checking out books but **Miss Phillips** had given good advertisement to the bookmobile visit. In **Carthage** the day was beautiful and many club women as well as others came. The group was so enthusiastic and the mayor and other citizens so cordial that the few hours scheduled there stretched out to practically a whole day. **Miss Ratliff** had many of her club members there.

A letter to H. D. Clubs from **Mrs. Margaret Cresswell**, District Home Demonstration Agent, seems too good not to share, in part, with all clubs. The following are extracts from the letter:

"Someone said, 'Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiams', and I feel sure the "Reading Program" in **Copiah County** will go over in a big way if enthusiasm and effort have anything to do with it. **Genevieve Newsom**, home demonstration agent, is proud of the start they are making. In her office is a big book case full of good books. One of the **Copiah County H. D. Club Officers** was reading "How To Run A Meeting", by **Edward J. Hegarty**.

On a visit to **Franklin County** a few days ago, I found that Home Agent, **Audry Lindley** had a nice new home-made book case. **Bessie Gammill**, **Simpson County Home Agent**, had the janitor put up two shelves in her

office for books and magazines. She brought from home some of her own books to lend to Club Members. Sara Craig in Lincoln County said the County Librarian has a special exhibit called "The 4-H Book Shelf."

Now, you may ask what am I reading? I have just finished reading a most interesting book recommended by Miss Mena Hogan, Field Representative, Extension Service, Washington, D. C., and one I'm sure every one of you will want to read, "The Technique of Handling People", by Donald A. Laird. On my bedside table is a book, "Feminine Faces", by Clovis G. Chappel. It is a book which you can pick up and read at random. My next book to read will be, "Release From Tension", by Dr. Fink, and when I go to the College this month, I plan to get a copy of "Raintree County", by Ross Lockridge. Josh Lee's book, "How To Hold An Audience Without A Rope", is very clever. I'm trying to digest it before the fall meeting of MHEA. It is easy reading, however. For a lighter vein, try "Smile, Please", by Mildred Spurrier Topp of Greenwood, Mississippi, and "Cheaper By the Dozen", by Frank B. Gilbreth, Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Cary. Both are good. You'll get a laugh from each of the books."

The letter closes with this quotation from Horace Mann:

"Resolve to edge in a little reading every day, if it is but a single sentence; if you gain fifteen minutes a day, it will make itself felt at the end of the year."

SUMMER WORKSHOP FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

The Library Commission is planning the second summer workshop for June 7-9. Many expressions of benefits received have come from those who attended the workshop last summer. Replies from librarians in the state indicate a good attendance this summer. The program will be informal and will include discussions of library standards and local library problems. Mrs. Gretchen Schenk and Mr. Sanders Smith will be on hand to discuss the Mississippi Library Survey and get opinions from librarians on library planning for the future. Because of limited space and because of the nature of the program, library trustees will not be invited to the workshop but several district meetings for trustees will be held in the late summer and fall, at which time the survey will be discussed.

LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION BILL

For the benefit of those who may not yet be informed about the bill we repeat information previously given in Library News. January 5, 1949 a bill was introduced in the U. S. Senate (S. 130) "To provide for the demonstration of public library service in areas without such service or with inadequate library facilities." An identical bill was introduced in the House January 13 (H.R. 1411).

The bill is stated in simple, clearly understood language. It has been carefully studied by librarians and library trustees throughout the United States and it is the general opinion that, if passed, this amount of federal funds would be used to good advantage in demonstrating high standard

library service in all states. Mississippi would receive \$40,000 per year for five years, unmatched and could receive an additional \$100,000 if matched by state or local funds. The State Library Commission would direct the expenditure of funds and we are convinced that there would not be "federal control." There is no better way to know what is in the bill than to write your Senator or Congressman for a copy. This accomplishes a double purpose as it lets him know that you are interested in the bill. All Mississippi representatives in Congress have received letters relative to this bill and as far as we know most have pledged their support, though it is necessary to continue to remind them of our interest. The following paragraph from a recent letter received from Congressman Arthur Winstead will be of interest:

"I am vitally interested in the extension of library facilities, particularly in our section where the need is so great. I am wholeheartedly in favor of legislation which would provide for Library Demonstration funds, and will do everything in my power towards its passage. It is my impression from discussing this matter with Members of the Committee on Education and Labor in the House, and others, that it stands a very good chance to pass in this session of Congress."

If the Library Commission receives other information on the bill it will be passed on.

POSTAGE RATE ON LIBRARY BOOKS

There seems to be some misunderstanding, particularly among the smaller Post Offices, concerning the postage rate on library books. This is probably caused by the fact that postage rates on some types of mail were changed January 1, 1949. This change did not affect the postage rate on books mailed to and from Public Libraries. The following is quoted from Postal Bulletin 19175 dated October 14, 1948, concerning Postal Law and Regulation 572: (We are informed that the bulletin was sent to all post offices)

"Books . . . when sent by libraries . . . as a service to county or other unit libraries or as a loan to readers or when returned by the latter libraries or readers to such public libraries . . . shall be charged with postage at the rate of 4 cents for the first pound or fraction thereof and 1 cent for each additional pound or fraction thereof . . . Provided that this rate shall apply only to such books as are addressed for local delivery, for delivery in the first, second, or third zone, or within the State in which mailed." . . . The weight of the package must not be over 70 pounds.

Library books should carry the above postage if labeled thus:

Library Books.

P.L.R. Sect. 572

A List of Recent Books By Mississippi Writers
Compiled by Martha Cauty, Reference Librarian

Aronoff, Daisy Phillips

A B C Bible and holiday stories. Bloch publishing company, 1948. \$2.00.
Stories for Jewish children.

Bellaman, Katherine

Parris Mitchell of King's Row, by Henry and Katherine Bellaman.

Simon & Schuster, 1948. \$3.00.

Continues the story of King's Row.

Butler, Pierce

The unhurried years. Louisiana State University press, 1948. \$3.00.
"Memories of the old Natchez region."

Carter, Hodding

Flood crest. Rinehart & company, 1947. \$2.50.
Story of a politician and his daughter in the South of not long ago.

Cohn, David

Where I was born and raised. Houghton Mifflin company, 1948. \$4.00.
"God shakes creation" with new chapters discussing the author's views
on the race question.

Colee, Mrs. Nema Weathersby

Mississippi music and musicians. Author, Magnolia, Miss., 1948. \$1.50.
Musical heritage and progress in Mississippi, with biographical sketches.

Fairfax, Virginia, and Bule, Hallie

Ke Soonl. Friendship press, 1947. \$1.50.
Juvenile.

Faulkner, William

Intruder in the dust. Random house, 1948. \$3.00.
A study of murder and the mass mind.

Finlay, Lucile

The coat I wore. Charles Scribner's sons, 1947. \$3.00.
Historical novel of the Natchez area.

Gaither, Frances

Double muscadine. Masmillan, 1949. \$3.50.
A murder trial in a small Mississippi town.

Garner, Claud

Wetback. Coward-McCann, 1947. \$2.75.
A story of Mexicans on the border.

Grady, Kate McAlpin

Travelin' shoes. Mathis Van Nort, 1948. \$1.75.
Poems.

Lee, Muna

The cultural approach, by Routh Emily McMurphy and Muna Lee. University of North Carolina press, 1947. \$3.50.
"Another way in international relations."

Malone, Dumas

Jefferson and his time. Little, Brown, 1948. \$6.00.
A four-volume history of Jefferson's time.

Mississippi Poetry Society

Toward the stars. The Society, 203 Keener St., Jackson, 1949. \$2.00.
Another volume of poems by Mississippians, published by the society.

Oliver, Nola Nance

The little Burr. Author, Natchez, Miss., 1947. \$2.00.
Small paper-covered book about Aaron Burr.

Olson, Lawrence

The cranes on Dying River. Decker, 1947. \$2.00.
Poems.

Ponder, Eleanor Fox

Plantation shadows. Pelican publishing company, 1949. \$3.00.

Sillers, Mrs. Walter, Sr.

History of Bolivar County, Mississippi. Hederman Bros., 1949, \$7.50.
Probably no one would be in a better position to write the history of this delta county and its people than Mrs. Silbers, of Rosedale, a long-time resident who has, herself, been part of the history of which she has written. Dr. W. D. McCain, Director of the State Department of Archives and History says, "This volume probably gives Bolivar County the most complete history of the counties of the South." This is a limited edition of 1000 copies.

Spencer, Elizabeth

Fire in the morning. Dodd, Mead, 1948. \$3.00.
The setting is a small town in Mississippi.

Street, James

Tomorrow we reap. Dial press, 1949. \$3.00.
Continues the story of the Dabneys.

Sumner, Cld Ricketts

But the morning will come. Bobbs-Merrill, 1949. \$3.00.
Mississippi setting in a story involving the race problem.

Sydnor, Charles Sackett

The development of Southern sectionalism, 1819-1848. Louisiana State University press, 1948. \$6.00.
A volume of the History of the South series.

Topp, Mildred

Smile, please. Houghton Mifflin company, 1948. \$3.00.

Delightful escapades of a photographer's daughter in Greenwood, Miss.

Weston, Eurl Margaret

Carillon. Tucker printing house, Jackson, Miss., 1948. \$2.25.

Poems.

RECOMMENDED REFERENCE BOOKS

Compiled by Elenora Gralow, Extension Librarian

Encyclopedia Americana

Americana corporation, 1947.....\$174.90

****World Book**

Field Enterprises Inc. Educ. Division, 1947.....\$129.00

***Readers guide to periodical literature**

H. W. Wilson, Cumulative.....(Sold on a service basis)

A cumulated index, with author, subject and some title entries, to about 120 periodicals. Made up of permanent cumulated volumes, annual volumes used to supplement the cumulated volumes, and semi-monthly numbers cumulating at intervals during the year.

****World almanac and book of facts**

World-Telegram, Annual.....\$ 1.58

A handy compilation of statistics and general information. The most useful reference book of its size and cost.

Information please almanac

Doubleday, Annual.....\$ 2.00

Intended as a basic reference book and as a history emphasizing the highlights of the passing year.

Miller, M. S. Encyclopedia of Bible life.

Harper, 1944.....\$ 4.95

Arranged by chapters under such headings as agriculture, archaeology, arts and crafts, geography, homes, professions and trades, social structures, worship, etc., with Bible references and bibliography for each chapter. Includes maps, many illustrations, index of Biblical quotations and general index.

Champion, S. G. The eleven religions and their proverbial lore.

Dutton, 1945.....\$ 3.75

A reference book of quotations with subject matter index and alternative chief word index. Bibliography, p. 336-40.

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Statistical abstract of U. S. Supt. of Documents. Annual.....\$ 2.25

Statistics of agriculture, population, manufacture, mining, commerce, finance, climate, etc.

*Robert, H. M. Robert's rules of order

Scott, 1943.....\$ 2.10

A well-known compendium. Part 1 gives rules of order; part 2 is on organization and conduct of business. Index.

U. S. Congress. Official congressional directory

Supt. of Documents Issued each session.....\$ 1.25

Gives names and short biographies of members of Congress, committees, consuls, etc. It has also a helpful section headed 'Official duties' which describes the work for the the several departments, bureaus, offices, etc., of the government.

Douglas, G. W. American book of days.

H. W. Wilson, 1937.....\$ 3.75

A compendium of information about holidays, festivals, notable anniversaries and Christian and Jewish holy days with notes on other American anniversaries worthy of remembrance.

*Hazeltin, M. E. Anniversaries and holidays.....\$ 6.00

Part 1 lists day by day the holidays, important events, and birth-days of notable people and refers by code number to books about holidays and special days listed in part 2 and to books about persons listed in part 3. Part 4 is an index classified by occupations.

Spicer, D. G. Book of festivals

Womans press, 1937.....\$ 3.00

The author has gathered an immense amount of information, including explanations of the Armenian, Chinese, Gregorian, Hindu, Jewish, Julian and Mohammedan calendars, and added a useful bibliography and glossary.

*Webster, Noah. Webster's New international dictionary of the English language, 2d. ed. unabridged.

Merriam, 1934\$ 25.00

The oldest and most famous American dictionary, a good all round dictionary with no marked specialization or bias, well edited, reliable, and noted particularly for the clearness of its definitions.

*Mawson, C. O. S. Roget's internation thesaurus

Grosset, 1947\$ 1.49

This handy reference work has a trick rapid reference system of numbers to enable the user to track down quickly the elusive word that fits his need.

Allen, E. F. Allen's dictionary of abbreviations and symbols

Coward McCann, 1946.....\$ 3.50

Over 6000 abbreviations and symbols commonly used in literature, science, art, education, business, politics, religion, engineering, industry, war.

- Phyfe, W. H. P. 20,000 words often mispronounced.
Putnam, 1937.....\$ 3.00
A valuable reference book. An alphabetic list, including both proper names, words and phrases from foreign languages and ordinary words, based on a comparison of the leading dictionaries.
- *Van Nostrand's scientific encyclopedia
Van Nostrand, 1938.....\$ 10.00
Covers aeronautics, astronomy, botany, chemistry, engineering, geology, mathematics, medicine, mineralogy, navigation, physics, zoology.
- *Hiscox, G. D. Henley's Twentieth century book of formulas, processes and trade secrets
T. O. Sloane Henley, 1945.....\$ 4.00
A valuable reference book for the home, factory, office, laboratory and the workshop; containing ten thousand selected household workshop and scientific recipes, processes and money saving ideas for both the amateur and professional worker.
- *Hutchinson, L. I. Standard handbook for secretaries 5th ed.
McGraw, 1947\$ 3.50
Besides chapters on English, grammar, letter writing, postal information, filing etc., this handbook gives help on specialized subjects such as legal and court papers, banking papers, securities, financial statements, etc. There are also lists of abbreviations, holidays, weights and measures, and reference books.
- *Seymour, E. L. D. New garden encyclopedia
Wise, 1946\$ 4.00
Generally useful. . . .designed for amateurs, and aims to give information on the materials, means, methods, and background of gardening. It describes some 5,000 species of plants and contains cultural directions which are clear, condensed, and adequate.
- *Gardner, Helen. Art through the ages.
Harcourt, 1936.....text ed. \$ 3.00
A world survey of the history of art—architecture, painting, sculpture, and the minor arts—from earliest times to the present.
Index.
- Aronson, Joseph. Book of furniture and decoration
Rev. Crown, 1941.....\$ 3.50
Part 1 discusses the development of period furniture; part 2 treats of materials an objects of decoration; part 3 analyzes room planning and arrangement
- Pratt, W. S. New encyclopedia of music and musicians
Macmillan, 1929\$ 4.00
A comprehensive, carefully compiled, one-volume encyclopedia

which fills a real need in libraries that cannot afford Grove's six-volume dictionary.

*Bartlett, John. Familiar quotations

Little, 1947\$ 6.50

The quotations are arranged in chronological order, all the selections from an author being grouped together . . . Indexed and cross-indexed it is as near a perfect tool as can be devised.

Stevenson, B. E. Home book of quotations 3rd. ed. rev.

Dodd, 1937\$ 15.00

A comprehensive and well chosen collection of over 50,000 quotations arranged alphabetically by subject.

Granger, Edith. Granger's Index to poetry and recitations; 3d. ed.

McClurg, 1940\$ 17.50

This edition indexes current anthologies.

Granger, Edith. Granger's Index to poetry and recitations; Supplement

Columbia univ. press, 1945.....\$ 10.00

Slight departures from the basic volume. Appendices include: Famous men; Seasons; Months; Special days; Poems and songs by and about men in the armed forces.

Hart, J. D. Oxford companion to American literature

Oxford, 1941.....\$ 6.00

In alphabetic arrangement, and the work includes . . . short biographies and bibliographies of American authors . . . summaries and descriptions of the important American novels, stories, essays, poems, and plays . . . and information on literary societies, magazines, anthologies, cooperative publications . . . and other matters related to writing in America.

Harvey, Paul. Oxford companion to English literature 2d.

Oxford, 1937.....\$ 6.00

Includes in alphabetical arrangement a list of English authors, literary works and literary societies which have historical or present importance.

*Stevenson, B. E. Home book of verse 6th ed. rev.

Holt, 1926 2v.....\$ 17.50

Expensive but useful as a reference book. Very inclusive, with full indexes. Contains many modern poems not often included in anthologies.

Stevenson, B. E. Home book of modern verse.

Holt, 1937\$ 8.50

A valuable collection, though expensive.

Kunitz, S. J. American authors

H. W. Wilson, 1938.....\$ 5.00

Contains, in all, biographies of almost 1300 authors, of both major and minor significance, who participated in the making of our literary history from the time of the first English settlement at Jamestown to the close of the 19th century.

***Kunitz, S. J. Twentieth century authors.**

H. W. Wilson, 1942.....\$ 8.50

This work aims to provide a foundation-volume of authentic biographical information on the writers of this century, of all nations, whose books are familiar to readers of English.

***Who's who in America**

Marquis, Biannual\$ 12.85

Biographical dictionary of living Americans, giving very briefly main facts of life, writings and present address.

***Rand McNally world atlas. Premier edition**

Rand McNally, 1946.....\$ 6.00

A good atlas consisting of maps in color, and a gazetteer index which lists, locates and gives the latest available population of over 90,000 places.

Statesman's year-book

Macmillan, Annual.....\$ 5.50

A concise and reliable manual of descriptive and statistical information about the governments of the world. . .

Logasa, Hannah

Historical fiction, 3d. rec. McKinley pu. 1941.....\$ 2.20

Historical fiction and other reading references for classes in junior and senior high schools.

Shankle, G. E. State names, flags, seals, songs, birds, flowers, and other symbols, rev. ed.

Wilson, 1941\$ 2.80

A study based on historical documents giving the origin and significance of the state names, nicknames, mottoes, seals, flags, flowers, birds, songs, and descriptive comments of the capitol buildings and on some of the leading state histories, with facsimiles of the state flags and seals.

** Recommended for first purchase

** and * make up a basic reference book collection of approximately \$250.00
Grand Total list is \$529.37.

AWARDS

The Newbery Medal for 1948 was given to Marguerite Henry for her book, *King of the Wind*, illustrated by Wesley Dennis and published by Rand McNally and Company. It is the story of Sham, the ancestor of the

famous race horse, Man. Other titles listed as runners-up for this medal are: *Seabird*, by Holling; *Daughter of the Viking*, by Rankin; *My Father's Dragon*, by Gamet; *Story of the Negro*, by Bontemps.

The **Caldecott Award** was won by Berta and Elmer Hader for *The Big Snow*, illustrated by the author and published by Macmillan. This is a picture book of birds and animals during the long and beautiful winter.

Other runners-up for this award are: *Blueberries for Sal*, by McCloskey; *All Around the Town*, by McGinley; *Juanita*, by Politi; *Fish in the Air*, by Wiese.

The Children's Books Committee of the Child Study Association of America has given Pearl Buck the annual award for her book, *The Big Wave*, a story of the big wave which swept away a Japanese fishing village. Other runners-up were: *My Brother Mike*, by Doris Gates; *The Palomino Boy*, by Don and Betty Emblen; *The Red Chair Waits*, by Alice M. Huggins.

The George Washington Carver Award for 1949 (\$2,500.00) was received by Bucklin Moon for his books, *Without Magnolias*, published by Doubleday and Company. It is the story of a family of Florida Negroes moving up in the social scale.

Elizabeth Spencer, Mississippian, received the 1948 Southern Authors Award for her *Fire in the Morning*. This annual award is made for the most distinguished book of the year by a Southern Author on a Southern subject.

LIBRARY COMMISSION BOOKMOBILE TRAVEL

By Elenora Galow, Extension Librarian

The First Delta Trip

The Bookmobile started out on this trip with something new added. This trip marked the initiation of our new staff members, **Mrs. Annette May**, into the intricacies of Bookmobile driving and library extension service on a state level. Mrs. May came to the Commission from the Baptist Book Store of Jackson, and after negotiating a particularly intricate maneuver with the Bookmobile, has been known to announce that working in the Book Store was never like that.

The first stop in the Delta was at **Yazoo City** where books were loaned for free county use. **Mrs. Darden**, the librarian, was on hand to welcome us, along with several members of the Library Board. **Mrs. Turnage**, the County Chairman of the Citizens Library Movement, not only took time off from weighing in her cotton to visit the Bookmobile, but also sent a lovely bouquet of gladioli which henceforth decorated the Bookmobile the remainder of the Delta trip.

We stopped next at the **William Alexander Percy Memorial Library** at **Greenville** where the police department granted us special parking privileges, and the Bookmobile was visited by many. **Mr. Larry Pryor**, Wash-

ington County Representative met the Bookmobile and indicated his interest in developing library service for Mississippians. **Shelby Foote**, Greenville author, also visited the Bookmobile. The photographer was on hand to take pictures. It was a gala occasion.

After leaving Greenville we paused briefly in **Leland** to allow the librarian, **Mrs. Russell Reynolds**, to get a glimpse of the Bookmobile, and then moved on to **Cleveland**, where several of the Public Library Board members visited the Bookmobile. The remainder of the visit in Cleveland was spent out at the Delta State Teacher's College Library. **Miss Eleanor Harkins**, librarian, our charming hostess here, had thoroughly publicized our visit to the campus.

The next morning found us crossing the flat land of Bolivar county to Rosedale so that **Mrs. Rosa Shelby** and her readers could see the Bookmobile. We noted the cotton in the fields and the cotton pickers still hard at work although it was late January. **Mrs. Shelby**, the librarian, made our visit a most pleasant occasion.

By afternoon we were in **Clarksdale** for a token visit to compare our Bookmobile with the new Coahoma County one. **Harvey Turner Ross**, Coahoma County Representative, visited the Bookmobile and expressed satisfaction with the Library Commission program and his desire to see Mississippi have adequate library service.

Friday morning we visited **Marks**. Since this was our first visit here, we were glad of the opportunity to meet **Mrs. Pettyjohn**, the librarian, and see the library. **Mrs. Pettyjohn** is putting a great deal of time and effort into the library.

On our way to **Greenwood**, we stopped at **Sumner**, Tallahatchie County, to exhibit the Bookmobile for a short time. **Mrs. Eloise Powell**, the county librarian, and **Mrs. Polly Martin**, the assistant librarian, met us there. The Bookmobile was visited by interested townspeople, among them **Mr. Doak Woorley**, a member of the Board of Supervisors of Tallahatchie County, who is anxious to promote library development.

Saturday morning we went to **Carrollton**, where **Miss Flora Nelson**, the librarian, had waited for us for an hour because we missed the road to Carrollton and were late. Everybody had told us that we couldn't miss the road, but we could.

We made our last stop of the trip Saturday afternoon in **Winona**. **Mrs. Hosford**, the librarian, had publicized our visit so well that a large group of children were waiting for the Bookmobile when we pulled up at the library. We tried to swope up gracefully as befitted the occasion, but a truck does not swope gracefully, so we lumbered up. In **Winona**, **Mr. Fullilove**, another County Representative, inspected the Bookmobile with enthusiasm.

February—A Bookmobile Trip to Northeast Mississippi

The Bookmobile completed its first circle of the state the last of February and as a part of that trip started the second circle. On this trip

we passed through **Meridian** and found the library in the throes of remodeling and the librarian, **Miss Jeanne Broach**, planning a new Bookmobile. All this had been made possible by the recent increase in the library appropriation given by **Lauderdale County** and the city of **Meridian**.

In **West Point**, **Miss Lucile Miller**, the librarian, had arranged a showing of the Bookmobile at the library and later downtown. Representatives from all clubs visited the Bookmobile as well as County Representative, **James Lofton**, who being extremely interested in library extension, devoted considerable time to the visit of the first State Bookmobile to **West Point**. The **West Point-Clay County Library** is in the process of reorganizing, so the Bookmobile visit at this time was most appropriate.

Mrs. Beth Elliott, at **Okolona** had been anticipating our visit for some time and had been preparing for it. Consequently, a steady stream of people visited the Bookmobile.

With our visit to **Holly Springs** we completed our first circle of the state. The trip was finished by visits for the second time to **New Albany**, **Oxford**, **Hernando**, **Charleston**, where the Library Board had arranged a delightful social and business meeting, then to **Winona**, and to **Kosciusko**, where the usual warm welcome awaited us.

March—East Mississippi

"The spring comes slowly up this way,
Slowly, slowly!

A little nearer every day." Hinkson

(Pardon our spring fever, but this quotation fits perfectly the landscape on our travels this month.)

The Bookmobile made a three-day trip to **East Mississippi**, covering **Philadelphia**, **Louisville**, **Columbus**, **Aberdeen**, **Pontotoc** and **Houston**. In **Philadelphia** the County Board of Education, which was in session, adjourned temporarily to visit our Bookmobile. This is typical of the interest evident everywhere in the library extension program. In the towns where school was out when the Bookmobile made its stop, the children flocked to it, although most of them had seen the Bookmobile on its first visit. It was the books they wanted, which after all is the primary purpose of the Bookmobile, to bring books to people. Everywhere the demand for books is beyond our ability to supply them. People want books. They will read them. The Library Commission could use 100,000 books today, and we do not have half that many. Sometimes, after one of our Bookmobile trips, we feel as though we have been trying to fill the Grand Canyon with a spoon.

During the last part of March, **Miss Couty** and I made a Bookmobile trip to the **Greenwood Public Library** and then over to **Greenville**, where we took part as Library Consultants in the High School Career Day Program. We did our best to entice a few recruits to the library profession, including some boys who came out to look at the Bookmobile.

If the enthusiasm and interest which met us everywhere on all the trips over the state holds and grows, there is no doubt that Mississippi will soon cease to be the state at the bottom with 1/10 of a book per person.

Field Trip—Hernando

During my visit in **DeSoto County** I spent a day on the DeSoto County Bookmobile with **Mrs. Seago** and **Mrs. Scott**, who are to be congratulated on swinging the Bookmobile around in much the same spirit as the famed, "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." **Mrs. Verna May Davis** and **Mr. H. Gregory** complete the staff of the DeSoto County Library and all together make a good team for the library.

The DeSoto County Library has several hundred dollars of memorial and donation money to be used for books. This money has been given over a period of months by people who wish to establish a living memorial to friends and relatives. Also, some individuals and groups such as the "Farm Bureau" have given money in an effort to build up the book collection as rapidly as possible. The books selected to be purchased with these funds were the type of books most needed by the library and which also conform to the wishes of the donor. Everybody was most cooperative and as a result, **DeSoto County Library** will be richer in the acquisition of many useful and worthwhile volumes that could not have been purchased otherwise. The Farm Bureau contributed \$100. It was decided to use part of it to buy books of special interest to this group and a reserve held over to buy appropriate books coming out later in the year.

The Citizens Library Movement of DeSoto County has been instrumental in developing this habit of expressing sympathy in a tangible way. They plan to keep a permanent record of the "Memorials" on constant display.

BOOKMOBILE TRIP—SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

By Evelyn Reed, Field Supervisor

On January 20th and 21st, the Library Commission bookmobile made its first trip south on Highway 51.

The first stop on the route was **Hazlehurst**. There we were met by members of the library board, all the legislators from Copiah County, and the photographer from the newspaper.

By noon we reached **Brookhaven**. The police department had roped off parking space for the bookmobile in front of the city hall and library. **Mrs. Nellie Perkins**, chairman of the library board was on hand to greet us in spite of the fact that she was handicapped by a broken ankle. The reception in Brookhaven was grand. All the members of the board of supervisors and several members of the board of aldermen came to inspect the bookmobile. Representative **Will A. Jordan** expressed his wholehearted approval of the State Extension plan and offered his support in helping to develop better libraries in Mississippi. Students and teachers from several county schools

came to see the bookmobile—the first most of them had ever seen. The newspaper sent a reporter and the local radio station held a “roving reporter” broadcast from the bookmobile and the library.

By four o'clock we arrived in **McComb**. **Miss Otkin**, the librarian, had a policeman escort us to a parking space on main street.

On Friday the 21st we left **McComb** in a pouring rain, returning by way of **Natchez** and **Port Gibson**.

February 3rd, after being snow-bound for several days, found us heading south again—this time down Highway 49 to the coast. In **Lucedale**, though it was cold and rainy, **Mrs. Lumpkin**, librarian, had a very nice group of people down to meet the bookmobile.

From **Lucedale** we headed for **Pascagoula** and the coast. Even though we had to contend with rain, fog, wet feet, and the annoyance of getting lost trying to find the way from **Pascagoula** to **Moss Point** — a mere four miles — the receptions by the coast towns were wonderful, and the trip a huge success.

On Saturday I really passed my driver's test by taking the bookmobile over the Bay St. Louis bridge in a rainstorm. Being a truck-driver-librarian isn't all glamour by far—but it was well worth the effort for **Miss Louise Crawford**, librarian, (did you read the article about her in the last issue of *Horn Book*?) had marshalled quite a gathering in the pouring rain. The mayor, the board of supervisors, the library board and other interested citizens were there. After leaving the library **Miss Crawford** took us by her home, where we had the pleasure of meeting **Mrs. Caroline Dale Snedeker**, well-known children's author.

Monday, still “dogged” by rain we arrived in **Picayune** where the librarian, **Mrs. Eula Underwood**, and the library board met us. From there we went to **Purvis** where the bookmobile had an excellent reception arranged by the librarian, **Mrs. Moore**. On Tuesday we headed for **Jackson** and home, making a second bookmobile stop in **Magee**. **Miss Maude Turner** states that the books taken off the bookmobile on its first visit have more than doubled her library circulation.

The first bookmobile visit was made to the **Vicksburg Public Library** in April. Being one of the larger libraries, it is not on the scheduled route for book circulation. Since bookmobiles seem to be the best means of taking books from the central library to rural residents, the state bookmobile is occasionally taken to all central county library headquarters for demonstration purposes. **Miss Birchett**, librarian, had given previous publicity about the bookmobile visit and it was visited by a good many people. Among the visitors were all members of the public library staff, **Miss Zaidee Neild**, High School Librarian, and **Mrs. Norman Moore**, library trustee. **Mr. Fitzgerald**, of the **Vicksburg Evening Post**, stayed at the bookmobile during the entire visit and later wrote a very fine article with a picture of the bookmobile.

NOTES AND QUOTES

Norway Passes Compulsory Library Law

(The following interesting item is copied from the A. L. A. Bulletin, April, 1949)

"Recognizing the importance of free public libraries for the growth of a democratic society, the Norwegian Parliament has enacted a library law which in principle is unique in the world today. This law, enacted in the fall of 1947 as part of the reconstruction program, makes it obligatory for every one of Norway's municipalities and every one of its schools to establish a free public library, aided by government subsidy.

The system of public libraries is not new in Norway. It is an old tradition, born of the peculiar geographical conditions of the country and the urge for knowledge of every Norwegian.

One of the main reasons for the failure of Nazi propaganda in Norway, during the occupation, was the high level of education and culture of the common man. He had learned to think for himself. He refused to believe fancy phrases and accept sugary promises. He demanded facts - - -

In 1839 the Norwegian government approved a grant for the establishment of free public libraries. - - - Since 1876 the Norwegian government budget has included a substantial amount for the support and development of public libraries.

Another progressive step was taken in 1902 when the Department of Church and Education established a separate bureau for the disbursement of the government grant to public and school libraries, to aid in the organization of new libraries and courses for training of librarians. This bureau has become the focal point in Norway's adult education and its activities are constantly expanding - - -

It was the German occupation, 1940-45, which proved the real significance of public libraries and the important part reading of books played in the lives of the people. The Nazi effort to remove from the libraries all "anti-Nazi" literature met with violent protest with the result that the libraries became vital links in the resistance movement. The libraries lost valuable collections, however, and many libraries, particularly in northern Norway, were totally destroyed.

So, in the program of reconstruction, the rebuilding and expansion of the public library system is receiving the prominence it deserves in a modern democratic state.

The remarkable Norwegian law will insure that every Norwegian will have free reading and library reference materials, and it makes provision for author royalties on titles used extensively in the library system. The size of the government subsidy is dependent upon the amount appropriated by the municipality, and varies from 90 per cent down to 50 per cent, with

a maximum of 3,000 kroner (\$600.00) to each public library at present. --- The law goes into effect on July 1, 1949, and the government grant for the first year is estimated at 1,500,000 kroner (300.00 or 10¢ per capita). ---

It means tightening the belt another notch in the realization that a well-educated and enlightened common man is the most effective safeguard against any enemy of cherished democratic ideals."

The Foot Note States:

"*The law specifies that every municipality shall have a public library (in some instances with branch offices) having a regular minimum subsidy from the municipality for books and the librarian's salary. The subsidy is to be comprised of at least 25 oere (5¢) per inhabitant of the municipality. In addition to other provisions, a city or country municipality must be the owner, books must be loaned without cost, and the library must have a librarian with a regular salary who has attended a recognized library course or who has worked in a recognized library.

Every public school in the country is to have a school library for the children's use, with a municipal subsidy of at least 25 kroner per year.

Government subsidies are given in relation to the local grants, within the maximum limit specified by law."

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ALA Notes, Edited by M. Alice Dunlap

County librarians are frequently urged to establish branch libraries in school buildings so the schools may become true "community centers." To obtain a cross section **"Report on the Use of Public School Buildings as Branch Libraries,"** Margaret Klausner, librarian of the Stockton (California) city-county library, circularized seventeen library systems in all parts of the country as to the advisability of using the school building as a community library. Fifteen flatly advised **against** this practice, basing their replies on actual experience, two qualified with "possibly." Two systems had entirely abandoned such branches. Reasons given were chiefly that the school location is not convenient for adults and, more important, that the school tends to absorb the library's community activities, so that it becomes predominantly a children's library.

Attention is called to the article in the April issue of Wilson Library Bulletin written by Sallie J. Farrell, entitled, Louisiana Demonstrates Library Service. We hope that every public library in the state is a subscriber to Wilson Library Bulletin. If there are those who may not have access to this bulletin they may borrow this issue from the Mississippi Library Commission.

LIBRARY RECRUITING PAMPHLETS

Copy of an attractive pamphlet entitled **OPEN DOOR TO LIBRARY CAREER** has been received from the South Carolina Library Commission. The pamphlet was prepared by the South Carolina Library Association.

The Mississippi Library Commission has prepared a one-page leaflet entitled **LIBRARIANS NEEDED**. Mimeographed on green paper and cut the same size, it is stapled to the back of the A.L.A. pamphlet **10,000 CAREERS WITH A CHALLENGE**. It brings the need for librarians to the state level. The paper was furnished and the mimeographing done by the Vocational Education Division of the State Department of Education. The Library Commission furnished the Division numbers of copies of the pamphlet to have the extra sheet stapled on and the Division gave the above service to the Library Commission. The Division is distributing the pamphlets to schools. Members of the Library Commission staff have used them when called on to act as consultants on Career Day in schools, and in answer to inquiries about librarianship as a profession.

LIBRARIANS AND SOCIOLOGISTS MEET

December 27, 1948 a workshop was held in Chicago for representatives of the Rural Sociological Society, the joint Committee of A. L. A. and A. L. A. Library Extension Division. One of the purposes of the conference was to discuss common problems and possibilities of closer working relationship between librarians and sociologists in order to do a better job of extending library service into rural areas. The report shows that the Library Demonstration Bill was discussed and what it might do toward stimulating better libraries in all states. **Dr. Harold H. Kaufman**, Professor of Rural Sociology, Mississippi State College, attended the workshop.

STATE NEWS

A recent distinguished visitor to the Library Commission was **Dr. Errett Weir McDiarmid**, president of The American Library Association. Dr. McDiarmid is librarian and Director of Library Instruction at The University of Minnesota. He was in the state enroute to the Texas Library Association. While here he visited several libraries and gave interviews to local papers in interest of city and state library development. He praised the expansion program of the **Jackson Public Library** under the direction of **Miss Pearl Sneed** and emphasized the need of the library board's campaign for increased library services for the rapidly growing city. He inspected the **Library Commission** bookmobile and spoke approvingly of the Commission's plan for use of state funds for state-wide library extension.

January 1, 1949, **Mrs. Annette May** joined the Library Commission staff. Mrs. May received her bachelor's degree from Mississippi Woman's College and has done graduate work at the University of Texas. She has had several year's teaching experience in high schools in the state. For the past four years she was employed at the Baptist Book Store in Jackson. Mrs. May

assists with library extension, making bookmobile trips over the state and keeping bookmobile records.

Under the direction of **Mrs. J. W. Hudspeth**, County Chairman of the Citizens Library Movement, a workshop was held in Hernando April 14, 1949. This group represents 63 **DeSoto County** organizations with a membership of over 700. This is one of the most active citizen groups in the state and has constantly kept up citizen interest and support for the county library. The Citizens Organization, with the library board, has been responsible for keeping the library before the public, even when they have not been able to secure a trained librarian. Through the generous cooperation of the County School Board the county library is expanding its services and will employ a graduate librarian to work with public and school libraries.

At this meeting a Constitution and By-Laws was adopted and plans made for future meetings.

Mrs. Gretchen Schenk, Director of the Mississippi Library Survey, and **Miss Elenora Gralow**, Extension Librarian with the Library Commission, attended part of this meeting and **Mrs. Schenk** spoke of the survey and standards of library service.

Miss Lucile Miller, librarian, and members of the public library board called a meeting of citizens to discuss expanded library service for **Clay County** and **West Point**. The meeting was prompted by the realization that modern libraries must have modern equipment and facilities and that local library funds had not been increased in the last 29 years. Only within the last year have there been any funds appropriated to make it possible to serve rural people. Representatives of various civic and service clubs were present. The discussion was lively and revealed the great need for building repair, more books, longer service hours, increased staff and more county service.

At the suggestion of **Mrs. R. A. Bryan**, member of the library board, it was voted to make this a permanent Citizens' Committee to work for a better library. **Mrs. E. B. Nash** was made Committee Chairman. **Mrs. Nash** is a former president of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs and former exofficio member of the Mississippi State Library Commission.

The **Canton Public Library** has recently organized a legal library board under the state law (Senate Bill 166 Laws of 1938). The following members were appointed: **Mr. Marvin Cooke**; **James Warner**; **Mr. J. L. Nichols**; **Mr. George L. Crawford**. A fifth member is to be appointed.

For the second successive year the **Greenville Public Library** has sent in membership dues to M. L. A. for the entire staff and all library board members.

Dr. J. A. Clark, Chairman, and other members of the **Sunflower County Library Board**, met the librarians from the several county units in a conference April 11 in the **Horace Stansel Memorial Library**. **Mrs. Gretchen Schenk** and **Miss Martha Couty** were present to aid in the discussion of

county library problems and in book selection. **Mrs. Horace Stansel**, member of the Library Commission Board, and other members of the Woman's Club, were hostesses and served a very delicious luncheon. The next day after the meeting Mrs. Schenk and Miss Couty went with Mrs. Stansel to visit the county library units.

The **Copiah County Library Board** has employed **Miss Bobby Jean Lipsey** as County Librarian. Miss Lipsey is in this year's graduation class at M.S.C.W. where she is majoring in library science. During her four college years she has been an outstanding student. Her home is in Lexington.

Miss Jeanne Broach, head librarian of the **Meridian-Lauderdale County Library**, completed one semester's work at Louisiana State University Library School and returned to her position in January. The library board has employed **Mrs. Sadie K. Knight** as County Librarian. Mrs. Knight plans to enter library school at an early date. The library has been completely redecorated with flourescent lighting and many attractive features added.

The **Greenwood Public Library** has recently been redecorated and presents a most attractive appearance. The Library Board has secured an adjacent lot and plans to enlarge the building in the future.

A valuable collection of books has been placed in the **Clarksdale Public Library** by Mrs. H. C. Gotcher, Mr. and Mrs. William Gotcher, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson in memory of their son and brother, Henry C. Gotcher. These books are the best and latest editions on industrial and mechanical subjects and together with their gift of a double faced section of oak shelving represents an investment of about \$500. To keep this collection of books up to date, his mother, Mrs. H. C. Gotcher, gives \$10 a month to the Library to be used for the purchase of additional books.

Two county librarians will have leave of absence from their positions this summer to take library training. **Mrs. Eloise Powell**, **Tallahatchie County**, will have the second summer at Louisiana State University Library School. **Miss Elizabeth Jones**, **Grenada County**, will either be at LSU or Emory University.

MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, SOUTHEASTERN-AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS PLANNED

The Executive Committee of M. L. A. announces that the next meeting will be in Jackson October 6-8. Robert E. Lee Hotel will be headquarters.

This is an important date to check on the calendar. The increasing membership of M. L. A. is evidence of growing interest and a desire to support and to participate in library activities in the state. The Association meeting offers one of the best opportunities to have a part in the state library program. All paid up members have the privilege (and obligation) of voting on issues presented at the business session.

As stated above, a part of the Association program will be concerned with the library survey now in progress. A varied and stimulating program is planned with the book dinner, as usual, one of the highlights.

Instead of the annual A. L. A. meeting, as previously held each summer, the plan this year is for the A. L. A. to meet jointly with each of the regional library Associations. The Southeastern-A. L. A. regional meeting will be in Miami Beach, Florida October 26-29. The Floridan Hotel will be headquarters. All members of M. L. A. are automatically members of Southeastern. Mrs. Augusta Richardson, member of the program committee, recently met with the Committee in Atlanta and reports that a fine program is being prepared.

A. L. A. representatives will have a part on each regional program. The program will include reports and discussions of the Public Library Inquiry. This gives an unusual opportunity for M. L. A. members to attend an A. L. A. meeting.

MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP, 1949

(The following is a list of memberships received since the list printed in Library News, Fall, 1948)

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION
Adams, Velma Lee	High School librarian	Bentonla
Anderson, Mary Agnes	Librarian, Belhaven Library	Jackson
Anselm, Brother	Librarian, St. Stanislaus	Bay St. Louis
Armstrong, Geraldine	Librarian, M. S. C. W.	Columbus
Bailey, Frances	Librarian, High School	Okolona
Barton, Kate Turner	Librarian, M. S. C. W.	Columbus
Bass, Corrine	Law Library	University of Miss.
Bates, Mrs. Bessie	Librarian, High School	Morgantown
Betts, Mrs. Frances M.	Street Clinic Library	Vicksburg
Bobo, Jacqueline	Librarian, High School	Drew
Boudousqui, Mrs. C. G.	Librarian, Public Library	Crystal Springs
Bowie, Laura	Librarian, High School	Durant
Brister, Mabel	Librarian, High School	Natchez
Bryson, Lorayen	Librarian, Junior High School	Tupelo
Burnett, Mrs. Myrna T.	Assistant State Librarian	Jackson
Burton, Ethel	Librarian, East Central Jr. College	Decatur
Campbell, Mrs. Cella P.	Library Chairman, M. F. W. C.	Aberdeen
Carter, Hodding	Library Trustee	Greenville
Claudia, Sister Mary	Librarian, St. Mary of the Pines	Chatawa
Collins, Alice R.	Cataloger	University of Miss.
Culbertson, Beulah	Librarian, M. S. C. W.	Columbus
DePoyster, Grace	Librarian, High School	Ruleville
Derden, Mrs. M. P.	Librarian, Public Library	Yazoo City
Eulalia, Sister M.	Librarian, Sisters of Mercy	Meridian
Fall, Mrs. Vera C.	Librarian, High School	Laurel
Farr, Mrs. Eugene I.	Librarian, Clark Memorial College	Newton
Felton, Ora	Librarian, High School	Houston
Fox, Georgia	Librarian, High School	Chester
Friedhoff, Florence	Librarian, Public Library	Bloxi
Findlay, Mrs. D. D.	Library Assistant, Public Library	Greenville
Flinn, Mrs. L. R.	Librarian, Public Library	Greenville
Foil, Mrs. Buster L.	Librarian, High School	Tylertown
Ford, Vera C.	Librarian, High School	Utica
Foster, Mrs. M. M.	Trustee, Lee County Library	Tupelo
Fuller, Adelaide	Library Assistant, Public Library	Greenville
Gatchel, Mrs. Kenneth P.	Library science instructor, M.S.C.W.	Columbus
Gatens, Mrs. Maxine A.	Library Assistant, Public Library	Greenville
Haftter, Mrs. Jerome	Trustee, Public Library	Greenville
Holladay, Ada	Librarian, Junior College	Meridian
Hudspeth, Mrs. J. W.	Trustee, DeSoto County Library	Cockrum
Irion, Miss Grey	Librarian, High School	Columbus
Ivy, Mrs. Newton I.	Librarian, High School	Blue Springs
Jenkins, Bennie	Librarian, High School	Grenada

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION
Johnson, Mrs. Sudie K.	Cataloger, Public Library	Jackson
Jones, Jameson C.	Trustee, Alcorn County Library	Corinth
Keady, Mr. W. C.	Trustee, Public Library	Greenville
Koonce, Annabelle	Librarian, Miss. College	Clinton
Lamb, Lucy	Librarian, Blue Mountain College	Blue Mountain
McCaIn, Dr. W. D.	Director Dept. of Archives & History	Jackson
McCoy, Elizabeth	Librarian, High School	Peoria
Marion, Louise	Librarian, High School	Houlka
Matthew, Sister M.	Librarian, St. Rose of Lima	Greenville
Mercer, Mrs. B. L.	Librarian, High School	Progress
Mills, Mr. Forrest R.	Librarian, Dept. of Adult Education	State College
Montgomery, Mrs. Z. G.	Assistant Librarian, Public Library	Yazoo City
Nield, Zaidee	Library Supervisor, Carr Central H. S.	Vicksburg
O'Neal, Mrs. Alice	Librarian, High School	Rolling Fork
Reed, Mrs. Victor	Librarian, High School	Charleston
Reynolds, Elizabeth	Librarian, High School	Leland
Riggs, Mrs. M. A.	Librarian, Sunflower Jr. College	Moorhead
Rita, Sister M.	Librarian, S. F. X. A.	Vicksburg
Robinson, Virginia C.	Librarian, M. S. C. W.	Columbus
Rogers, Mae	Librarian, Southwest Jr. College	Poplarville
Rowzee, Mrs. Gertrude	Librarian, Hinds Jr. College	Raymond
Rylant, Miss Yuba	Librarian, High School	Purvis
Saville, Mahala	Reference Librarian	University of Miss.
Sneed, Pearl	Librarian, Public Library	Jackson
Stansel, Mrs. Horace S.	Library Commission Board	Ruleville
Starnes, Mrs. Julia	Librarian, State Library	Jackson
Sykes, Augusta J.	M. S. C. W. Library	Columbus
Trevillion, Mrs. Louise	Library Assistant, Public Library	Clarksdale
Truly, Mrs. Smith S.	Librarian, High School	Fayette
Vernon, Mrs. J. F.	Library Trustee, Public Library	Brookhaven
Viverette, Mattie Mae	Librarian, Jones County Jr. College	Ellisville
Waites, Mr. Hilton	Trustee, Greenville Public Library	Leland
Weber, Stella M.	Librarian, Wood Jr. College	Mathiston
Willemoes, Gerda A.	Librarian, High School	Brooklyn
Williams, Sister Mary	Librarian, St. Josephs	Natchez
Williams, Louise	Librarian, Medical Library	Jackson
Wilson, Mrs. Raymond	Librarian, Public Library	Oxford
Wingate, Mrs. N. E.	Trustee, Public Library	Greenville
Wise, Elizabeth	Trustee, Copiah County Library	Hazlehurst
Wood, Ludie	Librarian, Public Library	Pontotoc

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

Institutions	Location
Aberdeen Public Library.....	Aberdeen
Delta State Teachers College Library.....	Cleveland
Harriette Person Memorial Library.....	Port Gibson
Hattiesburg Public Library.....	Hattiesburg
Hinds Jr. College Library.....	Raymond
Jackson Public Library.....	Jackson
Meridian Senior High School & Junior College Library.....	Meridian
Miss. Library Commission.....	Jackson
Miss. State College Library.....	Starkville
Miss. Dept. of Archives and History.....	Jackson
Picayune Public Library.....	Picayune
St. Joseph Academy.....	Bay St. Louis
Vicksburg Public Library.....	Vicksburg

The total M. L. A. membership to date is represented by the following classification:

School librarians.....	67
Junior College librarians.....	13
Senior College & University Librarians.....	26
Public & County librarians.....	41
Special librarians.....	15
Library trustees.....	10
Bookbinders.....	1

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There are 23 institutional members.

The Library Association year does not end until December 31. Individual membership (\$1.00) may be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Evelyn Reed, Mississippi Library Commission. Institutional dues are \$2.50.